

certificated and qualified operator is present and on duty.

(e) A certificated air traffic control tower operator may not control air traffic with equipment that the Administrator has found to be inadequate.

(f) The holder of an air traffic control tower operator certificate, or an applicant for one, shall, upon the reasonable request of the Administrator, cooperate fully in any test that is made of him.

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§ 65.50 Currency requirements.

The holder of an air traffic control tower operator certificate may not perform any duties under that certificate unless—

(a) He has served for at least three of the preceding 6 months as an air traffic control tower operator at the control tower to which his facility rating applies, or at the operating positions for which he has qualified; or

(b) He has shown that he meets the requirements for his certificate and facility rating at the control tower concerned, or for operating at positions for which he has previously qualified.

Subpart C—Aircraft Dispatchers

§ 65.51 Certificate required.

(a) No person may serve as an aircraft dispatcher (exercising responsibility with the pilot in command in the operational control of a flight) in connection with any civil aircraft in air commerce unless he has in his personal possession a current aircraft dispatcher certificate issued under this subpart.

(b) Each person who holds an aircraft dispatcher certificate shall present it for inspection upon the request of the Administrator or an authorized representative of the National Transportation Safety Board, or of any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer.

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§ 65.53 Eligibility requirements: General.

To be eligible for an aircraft dispatcher certificate, a person must—

(a) Be at least 23 years of age;

(b) Be able to read, speak, and understand the English language, or have an appropriate limitation placed on his certificate;

(c) Comply with §§ 65.55, 65.57, and 65.59.

§ 65.55 Knowledge requirements.

(a) An applicant for an aircraft dispatcher certificate must pass a written test on—

(1) The regulations of this chapter that apply to the duties of an aircraft dispatcher;

(2) The general system of collecting and disseminating weather information;

(3) Interpreting aviation weather reports, including abbreviations and symbols, as prescribed in "National Weather Service Federal Meteorological Handbook No. 1," as amended;

(4) The fundamentals of meteorology as applied to aircraft operations, particularly as to—

(i) Surface and upper air weather maps and general characteristics of air masses, pressure systems, and frontal systems, including their symbols and nomenclature;

(ii) Cloud forms and their significance; and

(iii) Icing, turbulence, thunderstorms, fog and low ceilings, winds aloft, pressure pattern flying, the influence of terrain on meteorological conditions, and general principles of forecasting and analysis;

(5) Principles of aircraft navigation with particular respect to instrument operation and procedures;

(6) Communications facilities and procedures;

(7) Air navigation facilities and procedures; and

(8) Air traffic control procedures.

(b) A report of the test is sent to the applicant. A passing grade is evidence, for a period of 24 months after the date the test is given, that the applicant has complied with this section.

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